



Palo Alto

Center of Excellence

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Executive Summary for Fiscal Year 2008

The Center for Health Care Evaluation: VA HSR&D Center of Excellence was established in Fiscal Year 1986 (October 1985). It now comprises 28 core investigators and has a core budget of \$736,264 and an overall budget of about \$10.3 million. The VA Palo Alto Health Care System (VAPAHCS), the lead facility of the Center, is located about three miles from Stanford University. The research of the Center focuses on three critical health care domains: (1) treatment of substance use and psychiatric disorders; (2) clinical decisionmaking, screening, and diagnostic assessment; and (3) the organization and delivery of health care services.